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### REMARKS

The October 31, 2005 Office Action was based on pending Claims 1-20. In the October 31, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner restricted the invention to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 16-20, drawn to an apparatus for drainage of fluid, air and contaminants from a mammalian thoracic cavity, and
- II. Claims 9-15, drawn to a method of draining of fluid, air and contaminants from a mammalian thoracic cavity.

In response to the restriction, Applicants elect without traverse the Group II claims, Claims 9-15, cancel Claims 1-8 and 16-20, and add new Claims 21-33. Thus, after entry of this amendment, Claims 9-15 and 21-33 are pending.

### NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 21-33 have been added to more fully define the Applicant's invention.

### CONCLUSION

In view of this election and cancellation of the non-elected claims, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for examination of the merits and request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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